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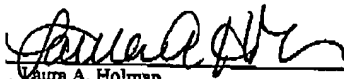
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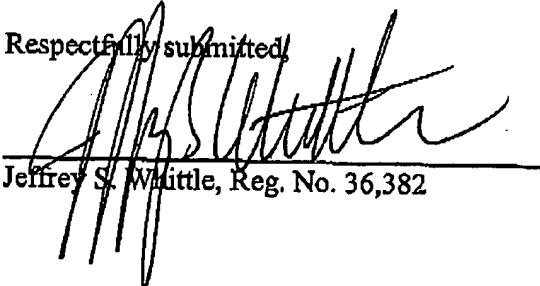
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In response to the Official Action dated May 6, 2004, and in view of the teleconference with the Examiner on May 14, 2004, please enter the following amendments to the Claims and Remarks without prejudice.